

No First Day On New 6c Air Envelope

Double Printed Flag Is Found On Denmark Flag Stamp; First Of Its Kind And Sixth Double Print Found

The search for errors in the flag stamps continues in all parts of the country and the collector who does not scan all of these issues is possible passing up a very rare item.

It is needless to go back and repeat the names of the finders of the various doubles that are thus far known. It is sufficient to say that the first find was of the word "Norway" doubled on stamps

Gibson Collection Brings \$56,121.50 In Big Two Day Sale

One of the most beautiful collections of United States Stamps on Covers, the well known collection of Mr. Henry C. Gibson, was sold at auction by Mr. Philip H. Ward Jr., of Philadelphia, before the Collectors Club in New York on June 14th and 15th.

Those who had copies of the catalogue were amazed at the many wonderful pieces shown. Among the covers offered were a few that are the finest of their kind and prices on these covers were naturally of interest to everyone as we all love to know of such items.

Chief among these were covers of the 5c and 10c 1847 with strips of five and six copies, other choice items were a superb single copy of the 90c 1857 (54) on a beautiful cover to Shanghai China. Two horizontal strips of three 5c red brown of 1857 on one cover, many splendid covers with combinations of U. S. and foreign stamps and a wide range of more recent issues on neat covers.

It would require far too much space to print descriptions of these various items as given in the catalogue and to print the sale prices. For that reason we are doing something that we believe has never before been done by any stamp collectors publication and that is to print the complete list of sale prices for this great sale. Many of our readers doubtless have the catalogue for it is a library piece worth saving. Add this list of prices to your catalogue and you will have a splendid guide to value on choice old covers.

We are indebted to Mr. Y. Souran of the Philatelic Research Laboratories of New York for the list of prices, which follow below.

Lot No.	Bid	Lot No.	Bid
1.....	240.00	20.....	275.00
2.....	122.50	21.....	75.00
3.....	260.00	22.....	67.50
4.....	210.00	23.....	45.00
5.....	900.00	24.....	130.00
6.....	87.50	25.....	250.00
7.....	32.50	26.....	100.00
8.....	39.00	27.....	90.00
9.....	65.00	28.....	50.00
10.....	65.00	29.....	200.00
11.....	155.00	30.....	420.00
12.....	50.00	31.....	850.00
13.....	40.00	32.....	6000.00
14.....	170.00	33.....	700.00
15.....	415.00	34.....	4000.00
16.....	110.00	35.....	280.00
17.....	260.00	36.....	18.00
18.....	210.00	37.....	12.00
19.....	800.00	38.....	270.00

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H. R. Harmer Auctions

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DUE TO THE HOLIDAY 4th of JULY

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Adding Insult To Injury

The Treasurer of the American Philatelic Society sent out notices for payments of dues to the society in envelopes prepaid with a meter, yet printed on the notice was a request to members that in remitting due, please use commemorative stamps.

Surely, in a society for stamp collectors, all officials should use Postage Stamps and commemorative stamps too when available as at this time. We doubt if Mr. Elliott will make this mistake again.

Founder Of Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx Died On Memorial Day

Col. John R. Hooper, Sr., founder and organizer of the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx, died Memorial Day, May 30, 1944 at the age of 85. Although enjoying good health to the last Col. Hooper was confined to his bed for approximately three months prior to his death.

Col. Hooper lived a successful, long and busy life. As a young man he organized the Hooper Publishing Co., as president, publishing trade journals and papers. He retired from active business at the age of 58, devoting his time and money willingly to organizational and fraternal work. In addition to his founding and organizing the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx, he was the organizer and founder of the Canadian Tourists' Society, and the American Tourists' association, and other groups and clubs. All of these were non-profit, fraternal groups, devoted to "good-will towards all men."

Col. Hooper's chief hobbies — philately, travelling and lecturing, occupied all of his spare time and interest throughout his long life. The propagation of Real Philately, as well as the accumulation of a valuable stamp collection, was his joy and interest. He spoke to many hundreds of stamp clubs and organizations throughout the United States and Canada.

He leaves his wife, Mrs. Lucy C. Hooper, 623 W. 5th St., Los Angeles 13, California, and son John A. Hooper, Jr., also of Los Angeles. According to the letter, the Pioneer Philatelic Phalanx will stand as a Memorial to Col. Hooper and his chief interest — Philately. No additional members will be enrolled.

Cheltenham Stamp Co. Takes Larger Quarters

Earl P. L. Apfelbaum, well known in Philadelphia stamp circles, announces the removal of the Cheltenham Stamp Co. to larger quarters at 110 So. 18th Street in Philadelphia, Pa.

The new establishment boasts an attractive Auction Room right on the premises, as well as a large comfortably equipped retail salesroom. And to the delight of Cover Collectors, a special section has been set aside where they may relax in easy chairs to pore over the thousands of Covers accumulated there for them.

Any collectors passing through Philadelphia have a cordial invitation from Mr. Apfelbaum to drop in for a visit.

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Post Office Department Chooses To Ignore Collectors In Issue Of New Six Cent Air Mail Stamped Envelope

The following announcement quoted from a Post Office Information Service letter dated June 20th speaks for itself.

"The use of 6-cent air-mail stamped envelopes by our armed forces overseas has increased to such an extent that it is not possible to manufacture sufficient quantities to meet the demand. At this time the output of the stamped envelope factory is 40,000,000 air-mail stamped envelopes per month."

"In order to speed up production, the Department has decided to eliminate the red, white and blue border on air-mail stamped envelopes, effective immediately. By this method the output at the factory will be increased approximately 50 per cent."

News From Milwaukee, Host City For A. P. S. Convention In August

Stamp Dealers in Milwaukee report no falling off of business so far this Summer despite the many collectors in the armed forces and the work in the Victory gardens. Shortage of Gasoline and the wearing out of tires are probably the main reason. By the same token however stamp clubs report a slump in attendance in some cases fifty per cent drop off since the first of the year.

Harry Weiss Public relations officer for the A. P. S. Convention to be held in Milwaukee has just completed a tour of Wisconsin, Northern Illinois and Eastern Iowa and Minnesota in the interests of the forth coming convention. Addressing stamp meetings in the various States nearly a 100% attendance pledge was received by Mr. Weiss from clubs who will attend either in a body or individuals for the Convention in Milwaukee August 16 to 20.

Oshkosh Philatelic Society held their annual picnic on Lake Winnebago North of Oshkosh Wisc on Sunday June 18th.

Messrs Nagle and Kuhlmann of Auction Stamp Service Chicago Ill. have been appointed official Auctioneers for American Philatelic Society Auction to be held Friday evening August 18th at the Schroeder Hotel in Milwaukee and details of several collections, the choicest parts of which will be put under the hammer, shortly are to be announced. Any one having any real material to offer through this auction should contact them immediately at their Chicago Offices.

List of Awards offered at American Philatelic Society Convention and Stamp Exhibition at Milwaukee, Wisc., August 16 to 20th have been announced. There will be first, second and third place award ribbons for all groups and sections. In addition fourth and fifth place ribbons will be available to the judges should they feel that the number of entries in any section and the quality of the material exhibited justifies such additional awards. There will be also four Grand Award Ribbons. Four Cups for grand awards will be presented by the host club the Milwaukee Philatelic Society also. In addition there will be the presidents cup

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Mint Airmail Specials!!

SALVADOR	MEXICO	PHILIPPINES
C-46a .50	C-2/4 .55	C-9/12 2.10
C-61 .27	C-37a .18	NICARAGUA
C-62/65 1.65	C-37a 2.50	C-106/9 1.00
C-66/68 .35	C-77/79 .32	C-147/9 .06
C-71/72 .65	C-91/93 .55	C-150/1 .15
C-84 .35	C-94/96 .55	C-152/3 .50
C-85 .23	C-97/99 .55	C-163 .12
C-86/88 .42	C-106/10 .55	G-169/72 .65
COSTA RICA	C-114/16 .55	C-173/4 .15
147 .75	C-129/31 .55	C-175/85 .50
C-7/10 1.15	CO-1/2 1.95	C-186/92 1.00
C-28/30 .08	CO-11 .15	C-193/92 .50
C-55/56 .24	CO12/15 1.25	C-203/14 8.25
C-67/73 .90	CO20/24 .95	C-222/28 .40
C-81/89 2.75	CO25/29 2.35	C-241/45 .25

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FRIDAY, July 7th AUCTION IN PHILADELPHIA

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Lot No.	Bid	Lot No.	Bid
39.....	115.00	155.....	11.00
40.....	25.00	156.....	27.50
41.....	75.00	156A.....	32.50
42.....	72.50	157.....	23.00
43.....	7.75	157A.....	185.00
44.....	26.00	158.....	15.00
45.....	28.00	159.....	37.50
46.....	21.00	160.....	22.00
47.....	44.00	161.....	23.00
48.....	22.00	162.....	67.50
49.....	4.00	163.....	67.50
50.....	19.00	164.....	59.00
51.....	15.00	165.....	15.00
52.....	31.00	166.....	22.00
53.....	26.00	167.....	31.00
54.....	19.00	168.....	57.50
55.....	180.00	169.....	310.00
56.....	130.00	170.....	36.00
57.....	125.00	171.....	54.00
58.....	110.00	172.....	67.00
59.....	125.00	173.....	320.00
60.....	165.00	174.....	360.00
61.....	170.00	175.....	80.00
62.....	130.00	176.....	55.00
63.....	80.00	177.....	130.00
64.....	85.00	178.....	50.00
65.....	100.00	179.....	52.50
66.....	125.00	180.....	77.50
67.....	240.00	181.....	220.00
68.....	175.00	182.....	180.00
69.....	210.00	183.....	500.00
70.....	400.00	184.....	3000.00
71.....	300.00	184A.....	100.00
72.....	500.00	184B.....	105.00
73.....	41.00	184C.....	220.00
74.....	31.00	184d.....	165.00
75.....	75.00	184e.....	250.00
76.....	10.00	184F.....	300.00
77.....	19.00	184G.....	65.00
78.....	90.00	184H.....	65.00
79.....	82.50	184K.....	20.00
80.....	53.00	184L.....	25.00
81.....	67.50	184M.....	8.00
82.....	45.00	184N.....	6.00
83.....	65.00	184P.....	280.00
84.....	65.00	184R.....	90.00
85.....	75.00	184S.....	80.00
86.....	325.00	184T.....	245.00
87.....	125.00	184U.....	135.00
88.....	140.00	184V.....	151.00
89.....	245.00	184W.....	7.00
90.....	175.00	184X.....	18.00
91.....	250.00	184Y.....	62.50
92.....	205.00	184Z.....	21.00
93.....	420.00	185.....	110.00
94.....	175.00	186.....	120.00
95.....	18.00	187.....	150.00
96.....	27.00	188.....	40.00
97.....	40.00	189.....	47.50
98.....	100.00	190.....	25.00
99.....	55.00	191.....	10.00
100.....	6.00	192.....	70.00
101.....	18.00	193.....	176.00
102.....	37.00	194.....	125.00
103.....	5.00	195.....	50.00
104.....	4.00	196.....	9.00
105.....	12.00	197.....	10.00
106.....	19.00	198.....	6.00
107.....	110.00	199.....	70.00
108.....	15.00	200.....	85.00
109.....	5.00	201.....	165.00
110.....	5.00	202.....	260.00
111.....	5.00	203.....	36.00
112.....	60.00	204.....	5.50
113.....	65.00	205.....	6.00
114.....	150.00	206.....	10.00
115.....	7.00	207.....	20.00
116.....	15.00	208.....	6.00
117.....	75.00	209.....	7.00
118.....	90.00	210.....	11.00
119.....	255.00	211.....	26.00
120.....	90.00	212.....	13.00
121.....	27.50	213.....	91.00
122.....	75.00	214.....	7.00
123.....	600.00	215.....	7.00
124.....	65.00	216.....	5.50
125.....	200.00	217.....	5.00
126.....	50.00	218.....	12.00
127.....	25.00	219.....	11.00
128.....	30.00	220.....	14.00
129.....	16.00	221.....	8.00
130.....	60.00	222.....	68.00
131.....	95.00	223.....	11.00
132.....	37.00	224.....	21.00
133.....	142.50	225.....	8.50
134.....	41.00	226.....	10.00
135.....	20.00	227.....	9.00
136.....	9.00	227A.....	19.00
137.....	9.00	228.....	8.00
138.....	15.00	229.....	47.50
139.....	21.00	230.....	77.50
140.....	27.50	231.....	31.00
141.....	37.00	232.....	51.00
142.....	25.00	233.....	14.00
143.....	53.00	234.....	8.00
144.....	23.00	235.....	9.00
145.....	155.00	236.....	45.00
146.....	3.50	237.....	14.00
147.....	19.00	238.....	25.00
148.....	27.00	239.....	6.00
149.....	31.00	240.....	34.00
150.....	150.00	241.....	30.00
151.....	4.00	242.....	17.00
152.....	13.00	243.....	6.00
153.....	5.00	244.....	9.00
154.....	8.00	244A.....	16.00

Lot No.	Bid	Lot No.	Bid	Lot No.	Bid	Lot No.	Bid
245.....	9.50	384.....	18.00	524.....	45.00	648.....	30.00
246.....	41.00	385.....	2.00	525.....	2.00	649.....	50.00
247.....	32.00	386.....	12.00	526.....	2.00	650.....	67.50
248.....	9.50	387.....	15.00	527.....	17.50	651.....	65.00
249.....	13.00	388.....	35.00	528.....	27.50	652.....	2.00
250.....	13.00	389.....	8.00	529.....	6.00	653.....	2.75
251.....	90.00	390.....	20.00	530.....	9.00	654.....	1.00
252.....	35.00	391.....	36.00	531.....	11.00	655.....	2.50
253.....	17.50	392.....	9.00	532.....	23.00	656.....	2.50
254.....	10.00	393.....	5.00	533.....	12.00	657.....	3.00
255.....	72.50	394.....	4.00	534.....	8.00	658.....	1.00
256.....	50.00	395.....	3.50	535.....	10.00	659.....	6.50
257.....	10.00	396.....	17.50	536.....	5.00	660.....	7.50
258.....	150.00	397.....	10.00	537.....	5.00	661.....	10.00
259.....	105.00	398.....	20.00	538.....	5.00	662.....	9.50
260.....	130.00	399.....	16.00	539.....	5.50	663.....	3.00
261.....	52.50	400.....	40.00	540.....	13.00	664.....	5.50
262.....	580.00	401.....	30.00	541.....	45.00	665.....	13.00
263.....	50.00	402.....	10.00	542.....	16.00	666.....	25.00
264.....	18.00	403.....	9.00	543.....	17.00	667.....	21.00
265.....	4.00	404.....	5.00	544.....	5.00	668.....	3.00
266.....	5.00	405.....	15.00	545.....	10.00	669.....	2.00
267.....	8.00	406.....	16.00	546.....	5.00	670.....	2.00
268.....	26.00	407.....	5.00	547.....	10.00	671.....	2.50
269.....	51.00	408.....	19.00	548.....	11.00	672.....	1.00
270.....	50.00	409.....	12.00	549.....	2.00	673.....	26.00
271.....	50.00	410.....	6.00	550.....	2.00	674.....	2.00
272.....	13.00	411.....	15.00	551.....	3.00	675.....	2.00
273.....	7.50	412.....	4.00	552.....	4.00	676.....	2.00
274.....	6.00	413.....	26.00	553.....	13.00	677.....	2.00
275.....	10.00	414.....	26.00	554.....	6.00	678.....	2.00
276.....	8.00	415.....	35.00	555.....	2.00	679.....	3.50
277.....	10.00	416.....	30.00	556.....	2.00	680.....	62.00
278.....	3.00	417.....	25.00	557.....	3.00	680A.....	5.50
279.....	20.00	418.....	30.00	558.....	2.00	680B.....	3.00
280.....	28.00	419.....	4.50	559.....	2.00	681.....	9.00
281.....	12.50	420.....	4.00	560.....	4.00	682.....	5.00
282.....	36.00	421.....	6.00	561.....	3.00	682A.....	3.50
283.....	12.50	422.....	22.00	562.....	5.50	683.....	11.00
284.....	5.00	423.....	17.50	563.....	6.00	684.....	5.00
285.....	5.00	424.....	5.00	564.....	4.00	685.....	6.00
286.....	66.00	425.....	2.00	565.....	5.00	686.....	7.50
287.....	29.00	426.....	27.00	566.....	10.00	687.....	3.00
288.....	9.00	427.....	16.00	567.....	19.00	688.....	29.00
289.....	6.00	428.....	7.50	568.....	25.00	689.....	2.00
290.....	3.00	429.....	13.00	569.....	5.00	690.....	86.00
291.....	6.00	430.....	4.50	570.....	6.00	691.....	17.00
292.....	9.50	431.....	22.00	571.....	7.00	692.....	5.00
293.....	410.00	432.....	31.00	572.....	2.00	693.....	5.00
294.....	6.50	433.....	18.00	573.....	7.00	694.....	2.00
295.....	65.00	434.....	20.00	574.....	2.50	695.....	6.00
296.....	8.50	435.....	36.00	575.....	3.50	696.....	2.50
297.....	85.00	436.....	35.00	576.....	20.00	697.....	4.00
298.....	9.00	437.....	32.00	577.....	2.00	698.....	4.00
299.....	7.50	438.....	47.50	578.....	5.50	699.....	1.00
300.....	6.50	439.....	30.00	579.....	7.00	700.....	29.00
301.....	7.00	440.....	22.00	580.....	2.00	701.....	9.00
302.....	6.00	441.....	18.00	581.....	6.00	702.....	4.50
303.....	12.00	442.....	11.00	582.....	15.00	703.....	6.50
304.....	5.00	443.....	27.00	583.....	7.50	704.....	8.00
305.....	11.00	444.....	32.00	584.....	2.00	705.....	5.50
306.....	15.00	445.....	26.00	585.....	3.00	706.....	3.25
307.....	6.00	446.....	20.00	586.....	3.50	707.....	10.00
308.....	4.00	447.....	42.50	587.....	3.00	708.....	10.00
309.....	21.00	448.....	67.50	588.....	7.00	709.....	10.00
310.....	6.00	449.....	62.00	589.....	2.50	710.....	335.00
311.....	6.50	450.....	57.50	589A.....	2.00	711.....	2.00
312.....	7.50	451.....	34.00	590.....	2.00	712.....	2.00
313.....	11.00	452.....	35.00	591.....	1.00	713.....	2.50
314.....	9.50	453.....	35.00	592.....	20.00	714.....	1.50
315.....	45.00	454.....	30.00	593.....	12.50	715.....	67.50
316.....	30.00	455.....	35.00	594.....	9.00	716.....	17.50
317.....	3.50	456.....	12.50	595.....	13.00	717.....	8.00
318.....	10.00	457.....	32.50	596.....	5.00	718.....	3.00
319.....	8.00	458.....	105.00	597.....	3.00	719.....	5.00
320.....	7.00	459.....	15.00	598.....	11.00	720.....	1.00
321.....	3.00	460.....	29.00	599.....	7.50	721.....	1.00
322.....	16.00	461.....	52.50	600.....	4.00	722.....	1.00
323.....	18.00	462.....	20.00	601.....	7.00	723.....	4.00
324.....	5.50	463.....	30.00	602.....	2.00	724.....	3.00
325.....	8.00	464.....	26.00	603.....	10.00	725.....	2.50
326.....	4.50	465.....	57.50	604.....	6.00	725A.....	7.50
327.....	5.50	466.....	45.00	605.....	20.00	725B.....	7.50
328.....	2.00	467.....	18.00	606.....	5.00	725C.....	5.50
329.....	6.00	468.....	23.00	607.....	5.00	726.....	8.00
330.....	135.00	469.....	25.00	608.....	9.00	727.....	7.50
331.....	89.00	470.....	5.00	609.....	11.00	728.....	7.50
332.....	5.00	471.....	7.00	610.....	7.00	729.....	2.50
333.....	10.00	472.....	7.00	611.....	8.00	730.....	2.50
334.....	4.00	473.....	57.50	612.....	155.00	731.....	4.50
335.....	12.50	474.....	21.00	613.....	5.00	732.....	8.00
336.....	50.00	475.....	115.00	614.....	21.00	733.....	9.00
337.....	27.50	476.....	19.00	615.....	3.50	734.....	8.00
338.....	320.00	477.....	37.50	616.....	8.00	735.....	2.00
339.....	27.50	478.....	27.50	617.....	2.00	736.....	5.50
340.....	11.00	479.....	90.00	618.....	2.50	737.....	5.00
41.....	47.50	480.....	50.00	619.....	2.00	738.....	12.50
42.....	25.00	481.....	18.00	620.....	5.00	739.....	9.00
43.....	25.00	482.....	52.50	621.....	2.50	740.....	21.50
44.....	6.00	483.....	25.00	622.....	4.00	741.....	27.50
45.....	5.00	484.....	25.00	623.....	8.00	742.....	12.50
46.....	6.75	485.....	50.00	624.....	10.00	743.....	16.00
47.....	1500.00	486.....	27.50	625.....	2.00	744.....	30.00
48.....	41.00	487.....	140.00	626.....	2.00	745.....	26.00
49.....	8.00	488.....	25.00	627.....	2.00	746.....	85.00
50.....	38.00	489.....	575.00	628.....	2.00	747.....	17.00
51.....	13.00	490.....	400.00	629.....	2.50	748.....	5.50
52.....	11.50	491.....	375.00	630.....	4.00	749.....	13.50
53.....	9.50	492.....	55.00	631.....	26.00	750.....	4.50
54.....	10.00	493.....	175.00	632.....	30.00	751.....	10.00
55.....	20.00	494.....	400.00	633.....	3.00	752.....	12.50
56.....	21.00	495.....	410.00	634.....	8.50	753.....	2.00
57.....	7.00	496.....	35.00	635.....	4.50	754.....	3.25
58.....	20.00	497.....	40.00	636.....	7.50	754A.....	4.50
59.....	21.00	498.....	160.00	637.....	4.00	755.....	2.00
60.....	230.00	499.....	22.50	638.....	15.00	756.....	3.00
61.....	240.00	500.....	425.00	639.....	5.00	757.....	5.00
62.....	100.00	501.....	2.00	640.....	2.00	758.....	5.00
63.....	55.00	502.....	45.00	641.....	4.00	759.....	11.50
64.....	130.00	503.....	25.00	642.....	3.00	760.....	16.00
65.....	45.00	504.....	3.00	643.....	38.00	761.....	2.00
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DOWN TO THE POINT

AN OPEN LETTER
TO WASHINGTON

Honorable Frank G. Walker,
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Postmaster:

All of us know that thousands of postal employees have entered the armed forces and that you have made a valiant attempt to keep your department functioning at pre-war pace despite the heavy avalanche of mail. Even though the series of flag stamps drew some criticism, we stamp collectors have decided they make a colorful addition to our collections and thanks much for the three new commemoratives.

However, what we want to know is what you are going to do for us with regard to the low estate that has befallen envelopes that are plainly marked PHILATELIC MAIL, PLEASE CANCEL LIGHTLY? According to our information, there is a chapter in the manual issued to your employees which deals with cancellation of all commemorative and higher denomination stamps. We understand that even with a request for light cancellations they are to be treated in a special manner. That that rule is forgotten goes without saying, but when your employees fail to heed mail that is plainly marked philatelic, please cancel lightly, it's about time someone did something about it, other than excusing the whole thing because of a lack of trained employees.

To work for the post office, one must pass a civil service examination, and if an employee can successfully pass that test he ought to have the intelligence to read the words PHILATELIC MAIL, PLEASE CANCEL LIGHTLY. We suppose they can read it, but we don't imagine they know what it means, mainly because even a great many of your local postmasters and their assistants haven't the remotest ideas of the subject of philately.

Last year your department showed a profit for the first time in many years, and perhaps in the entire history of the service. The Philatelic Agency showed gross sales of over a million dollars, and together with the sheets of stamps purchased at local offices, your department certainly must show a million dollar profit represented by sheets of stamps which have been put away for investment purposes and will never be used to carry the mails. A million dollar profit certainly isn't to be sneezed at, especially in a city where you boys know how to spend the money, and it seems to us that we deserve some consideration.

We can forward samples of mail that have been marked PHILATELIC MAIL, PLEASE CANCEL LIGHTLY in large printed type, where the request not only has been ignored, but the stamps have been smeared deliberately. In some instances, the printed request is ignored and only after postal inspectors have wasted much time in order to correct the situation, and then give up in disgust and forwarded the complaint to the local postmaster, is anything done.

The war has brought about a lessening of personal pleasures. Most of us have sons, brothers, daughters and sisters in the armed forces. We're working hard on the production lines and buying war bonds to support the war effort. We cannot get gasoline for pleasure driving, and it costs 30% tax to go to a night club. Many of us derive our greatest pleasure from our stamps. Some of us hope to col-

lect some fine used copies of the flag stamps you issued. But under the existing conditions, we are unable to get decent cancellations. It seems to us that this would be a great time to send a bulletin to all postmasters requesting their acquaintances their employees with the full meaning of PHILATELIC MAIL, PLEASE CANCEL LIGHTLY. Tell them it doesn't mean smearing the stamp with the tip of their finger, tearing the stamp with their nail, or banging a block of four with anywhere from 5 to 10 cancellations. In the event you don't believe these things happen regularly, we have some fine samples to forward for your inspection. While you're sending out a bulletin to the postmasters, you might also remind them that they are working for the government of the United States and that the government is the people, and that when we come to talk about philatelic cancellations we expect to be treated civilly instead of being given the run-around. Postmasters are really your salesmen, and if they took the trouble to assist the stamp collectors of the nation, your annual sales might be several hundreds of thousands of dollars higher.

Well, sir, we hope you'll take some action. We collectors would certainly appreciate it. Of course, if we cannot get it with this letter, we intend to go directly to the number one collector of the nation. We understand that man in the White House likes us common Americans, and we hope he doesn't have to lean across the table at a cabinet meeting some day and reprimand you about this matter of Philatelic Cancellations. I understand our V. P., and the Secretaries of the Interior, State and War departments are also collectors and we wouldn't want you to be embarrassed in front of them. How about it, Mister Secretary?

Yours for more co-operation
The Stamp Collectors of the United States

INCIDENTALLY—have you noticed what happened when the 30c Transatlantic Air Mail went off the philatelic list? Present retail prices run all the way from 50c to 65c, the latter being the price quoted on Washington Street in Chicago.... Early in June there was a buying lull in Manhattan and the boys thought it was a prediction of a quiet summer, but in the past week sales have perked up and some of the boys wonder when they're going to have time for a vacation.... The two Russian stamps marking the Terahran Conference are selling like hot cakes. Watch these two stamps! DEALERS I'VE LIKED.... Larry Moltz in Baltimore who gives you the idea he's interested in more than the amount you spend in his shop. Is perfectly willing to listen to your troubles and helps you solve such problems as getting a hotel room or where to eat in Baltimore. Has a fine shop and after this summer expects to have the misses handle the retail sales while he continues making up collections for those rich Baltimoreans who haven't the time. What kick do they get out of that kind of stamp collecting? I like other dealers too, and I'll say hello to them through the courtesy of George Linn from time to time.

L. W. C.

Doughnut On Yugoslav Flag

George S. Chapman of Arlington, Mass. submits a block of the Yugoslav flag stamps which contains a minute variety which although not prominent is readily seen and identified and fortunately the position of the variety is established since it is on a corner block with name of country at top over the fifth stamp in the sheet. The variety, I choose to call the Doughnut since it is a perfect small round white spot with a red dot in center that reminds one of this delectable morsel. It is found on the ninth stamp in the sheet that is the lower left stamp in the name block of four. Mr. Chapman states he has found several of this variety so it is evidently constant, yet may not show on all sheets.

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Effective Monday, June 12th, airmail service was finally established at San Angelo, Texas, and Midland, Texas on AM-29. These flights have been pending ever since service was inaugurated on this eastern sector of AM-29 on May 1st. Odessa, Texas, was supposed to have been bracketed with Midland, but up to the time of writing this column I have not received any covers back from Odessa, so I am not in a position to verify or deny the flight from this point. Rather than give you partial information about the above two new stops I am going to wait a week or two and by that time I should have all covers back from the entire route thereby making it possible for me to devote an entire column to this one series of flights.

Last week, the Civil Aeronautics Administration released one of its most important decisions since it was organized in 1939, and as a result we first flight cover collectors will have plenty of new flights to look forward to. The decision was in the New York-Boston hearing. Up to now, American Airlines was the only airline operating south or west from Boston, and passengers desiring to use other lines had to use American between Boston and New York. However, that is all a thing of the past (or at least it will be) since American will now have competition from Eastern Airlines, Northeast Airlines, United Airlines and TWA. The individual routes follow.

Eastern Airlines were granted permission to extend both AM-5 and AM-6 nonstop from New York City into Boston. New York was the former terminal of both AM-5 (New York-San Antonio) and AM-6 (New York-Miami), but this order makes New York City an intermediate point on both of these routes and Boston becomes the terminal. However, a restriction prevents Eastern from serving Boston on any flights which do not originate or terminate south of Richmond, Vir., or west of Charleston, West Vir. This is to keep Eastern from having local service between New York and Boston or Washington and Boston.

Next TWA. This airline was given a new route AM-67, which will be its means of getting into Boston. AM-67 will operate from Pittsburgh, Pa., via Williamsport, Pa.; Binghamton, N. Y.; and Albany, N. Y.; in to Boston. Incidentally, this will be the first time that Binghamton has ever received any airmail service, and I personally think that there will be other cities bracketed with Binghamton.

United Airlines were awarded AM-66. This will go from Cleveland, Ohio, east through Hartford, Connecticut, into Boston. There are possibilities that other stops may be added before service is started.

A new airline now comes into the New York area, Northeast Airlines (the present operators of AM-27 in New England.) This company was awarded AM-65, a new competitive Boston-New York route. Intermediate points will be Worcester, Mass.; Waterbury, Conn.; New Bedford, Mass.; and Fall River, Mass. This will be the first time that any of these communities has ever received any direct airmail service. Due to their locations, I personally don't think that Worcester will be served on the same flights as Fall River and New Bedford, and maybe not ever Fall River and New Bedford on the same flights. However, we will have to wait until we see the schedules before we see that they will do. Wait a minute, did I say that New York

would be the terminal of AM-65. Well, I'm wrong. New York and Newark (N.J.) will be co-terminals, which means that planes can stop at either or both of these points.

Inaugural dates? Well, all of the above new routes and extensions bear the usual clause that service cannot be inaugurated until the Army gives the O. K. Due to the shortage of personnel and equipment, I don't think this will be for quite some time to come.

Thanks for news this week to E. Engelhardt; A. N. Brown; B. Schnieder, Jr.; E. Loeb; and J. Siegel.

Trans-Mississippi Society
Convention At Dubuque,
Iowa, October 27-29

The Dubuque Philatelic Society will sponsor the Trans-Mississippi Philatelic Society convention in Dubuque October 27-28-29. Merrill Pregler is general chairman. Harry A. Bradley, chairman of exhibits and bourse. Ray Peters, chairman of cachet and seals. Joseph Sunseri, secretary, 1 65 Lawndale.

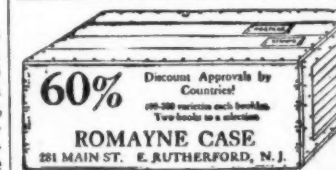
This will be the first time the Dubuque Society has been host to the TMPS Convention and a very enjoyable time is promised for all who attend. Dubuque, situated on the Mississippi River is noted for its very beautiful scenery.

The TMPS was founded in 1934 and endeavors to serve stamp collectors in those states that are west of the Mississippi river and drained by its tributary streams, although collectors from all parts of the United States form its membership.

Edward K. Stockfeld, Omaha, is president and Milt J. Gilman, Des Moines, secretary.

Cleveland Air Mail
Society Meeting

The next meeting of the Cleveland Air Mail Society will be at the Residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Stern, 14074 Superior Road, Cleveland Heights, on June 30, at 8:30 p. m. Last minute plans for the coming SPA & APS shows will be discussed. All Air Mail Collectors are welcome to attend.



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MORE WORRY FOR THE WEARY

The object of this editorial is not to belittle the efforts of the eminent gentlemen who with painstaking and professional research have developed what is now offered by the American Philatelic Society as a fool proof stamp description chart.

We have long believed that some sort of a universal method of listing and describing condition in stamps would be both desirable and practical and that is what the APS has now attempted to do. The next question is, will this chart be adopted by Auction dealers where such a chart is most needed.

In auction catalogues we can find almost any kind of description of stamps. We will admit that for fine modern issues which are perfection in every way, there is little disagreement among dealers as to terms for description, yet when we get into stamps which are not perfectly centered, which may be a bit too heavily canceled or which may suffer other defects apparent to the eye, we can find a wide variety of opinion as to such stamps.

After all, any thorough description of a stamp is most needed for stamps of high value. For our own part we have always collected stamps for the pleasure we get from the hobby and have in most instances paid little attention to conditions in so long as the stamp was whole, was not badly off center and if used, was not too heavily canceled. We believe that 99 44/100 per cent, of all stamp collectors follow that rule and that while some method of description for the scarcer and higher priced stamps may be desirable we do not believe that many other than the "400" will pay much attention to any such complicated chart as it now offered.

For one thing, any attempt to use this chart on all stamps by any collector would probably result in his removal to the booby house along with his stamps and albums for company.

Too much effort in Philately is directed toward the elite in stamps and the elite in collecting circles. What we need most is a more broad and general effort to interest and enthrall and help the Tom, Dick and Harry type of collector. There are millions of this type whereas the other type are numbered only in the hundreds.

We urge the American Philatelic Society or any other organization which wishes to aid our hobby to get down to earth and collect stamps with the common man.

The announcement concerning this new chart is published elsewhere in this paper and while it is not so stated, it is possible that copies can be had by sending a stamped addressed envelope to the St. Paul, address given in the last paragraph of the article.

THOSE RAILROAD COVERS

When we offered to send one of those special Railroad First Day Covers provided by the Union Pacific Railway, as offered in our issue of May 25th, we fortified ourselves with one thousand of the covers, hoping that this number would be sufficient to meet all requests.

We know that good offers to collectors through our columns will bring heavy response to advertisers but we had no idea that the response would be so heavy as in this case.

Although we had 1000 of the covers and the offer was not printed until our issue of May 25th, by June 4th we had received more than 1000 requests for these covers. It was a job to get them all in the mail and if you do not believe this try opening over 1000 letters in three or four days and filling an order for 1000 different people. We have thus far returned about 200 remittances for these covers which we were unable to fill and even this past week has brought in four or five requests which are also returned to the writers.

We trust that those who got no cover will hold no ill feeling against us as we had no idea that as many as 1200 orders from an announcement of this nature would pour in so rapidly. This should suggest to any wise dealer who wants fresh names of collectors that they might obtain them by a well displayed offer of a real bargain of some nature as a leader. Better offer something of which you have a plentiful supply.

THE STATE REVENOOR

Box 142
 Paso Robles, California

ARKANSAS. The tiny 2½, 3½ and 5c cigarette decals have been altered. They now have rounded corners and are on white card with pale blue, reversed, safety design. They are in panes of 10, rouletted 6½.

The 7½c imported wine decals have appeared in the new network design with McLeod's signature. The old design "Hardins" recently came to hand on pinkish gray card, instead of the former white.

The \$46875 beer stamp now bears the signature of McLeod.

DELAWARE. "Charlie" Hermann reports the 10c beer stamp with the "Cann" imprint.

FLORIDA. Cabot's A20, 16c liquor decal of the third design, has been discovered with orange figures and yellow map. (A20a likely number).

GEORGIA. Add C42, 50c magenta, to the set C34 to 41.

I have C31 showing part of the

"removed" trees. This shows at the left side. Also have C26 with horizontal lines, only, below "Tax".

KANSAS. The cigarette strips C13 to 18 have not previously been known with cancellation other than the familiar punched cancellation. Just recently received C14 handstamped "Cancelled", "Permit", "5184" five times.

LOUISIANA. The 3c brown "Map" cigarette decal is now in use on green card with tan safety, formerly on white safety card.

MISSISSIPPI. New values of the current beer case stamps are at hand. 24c violet (6-24 oz. bottles), 28c green (7-24), 32c brown (11-20). All "Series" "A". The 48c has appeared in series "H", carmine. Thanks to "Jimmy" Seville.

NEW MEXICO. An old design has turned up in the liquor decals. It is very similar to the current stamps but the value is in shields at the base of the pillars only. I have the 5c black, white and

An Early Style Of Address

Leslie B. Spence of East Liverpool, Ohio, revives an old custom with a letter addressed to the editor of this paper. Mr. Spence says,

"This is a rather poor sort of a cover, but it may have a twist that is not usually found. Perhaps it may fill some small place in your collection of 'patriotics.' A few 'crude' covers such as this may help to accentuate the better ones."

"The idea is not new, as there are many such covers kicking around and in museums—but, naturally they are rather limited. Probably few collect such JUNK."

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green on green card. Anyone know of other values?

NORTH DAKOTA. An unusual design has come to hand in the liquor decals of this state. Value in top two corners and numbers at bottom in blue—½c tan. Same but "24c or less Alcohol by Wt." added in blue, above serial number—1¼c, 2c, 2½c, 4c, 5c, 10c and 20c salmon. Same but value, serial number and "50% or Less Alcohol by Wt." in red—3¼c, 7½c, 12 and 15c green.

All are 31x20mm, on white card and rouletted 6½ horizontally, with white scored surface.

The 12c value also comes with scored light blue surface. I have no idea of when these were placed in use.

MID-WEST NEWS

Detroit: Fred Farnham in the the Lafayette Bldg. specializes in U. S. Has several blocks of Zepps in excellent condition and some fine blocks of early 20th Century in mint and used. Fred spends every holiday with the House of Farnham in Cleveland (no relation) and has just received his July 4th holiday reservations on the Mercury. . . . Albert Butzen has a fine stock of covers and on June 7th was featuring Invasion Covers which he had quickly pasted up with headlines from the daily papers and was doing a brisk business in covers postmarked June 6th. . . . Odd that a big city like Detroit, with a number of outstanding philatelists in and about the town proper doesn't have more dealers.

Chicago: Ben's Stamp & Coin Company on W. Washington near Clark has taken a suite of offices and set up display counters on the second floor over their street level shop. Marshall Field & Co. have a good sized stamp department on the third floor, but their prices are in line with their reputation of being the worlds largest and one of the most expensive retail department stores in the world. . . . Carson Pirie Scott, another department store, also have a stamp corner in their book shop on the Wabash avenue side. More about Chicago later.

Milwaukee: Collectors and dealers are agog over their impending convention in August. The Schroeder Hotel, headquarters for the convention is one of the nations finest and Milwaukee has some excellent restaurants, even in these days of rationing. You might clip and place in your wallet for reference during convention days the following fine eating houses: Eugene's on East Wisconsin near the lake, specializing in seafood and steaks. Cape Cod Inn, ditto fish and steak; Fritz Gust who specializes in sauerbraten "mit" noodles. The dining room of the Hotel Wisconsin is noted for roast beef. Just in case you are interested in stamps, Northwestern Stamp Co. in the Caswell Block is Wisconsin's largest and has something of everything including a fine line of albums and accessories. . . . Milwaukee has a great many dealers who do their business from home and one of these days Joseph Scheier is going to open a stamp shop (if he's smart) and put his lovely wife Velare in charge, and then watch the boys congregate

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Patriotic Cover Honors Japanese-Americans

From Etsuo Sayama, of Honolulu, Hawaii, P. O. Box 3682, we have received a very beautiful and highly appropriate Patriotic Cover honoring those Japanese-Americans of Hawaii who have given their lives for defense of their adopted country.

This cover shows a Map of Italy and Sicily, across which is a wooden cross with the helmet atop it. At the foot of the design we find this wording—"In memory of the 100th Infantry Battalion Japanese-Americans from Hawaii who gave their lives on the Battlefields of Italy, May 30, 1944. Makena (In Memoriam) P. O., T. H."

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FRENCH INVASION COVER COMES FROM ITALY

From Sgt. A. W. Goede, over in Italy we have received a cover which is a very interesting piece. It is an envelope of the "France" Overrun Nations series as issued by the Cachet Craft Cover Service, thus an appropriate cover for the purpose.

It was mailed on June 6, the day of the Invasion and is clearly postmarked with an Army Postal Service cancellation on that date. Has the censor marks, and the letter inclosed refers to the fact that this is the day of the invasion.

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ALGERIA—Postage. New stamps for regular postage duty, of a "Ceres" type. It is believed that the stamps, printed by typography, are but the start of a new regular series. The values and colors are: 50c., bright orange; 1Fr.20, rose-lilac; 1Fr.50, dark blue, and 5Fr., violet. There is also a 20 Fr., apple-green, of the new pictorial type. Another new issue - a semi-postal stamp was supposed to have been released May 25, for the benefit of "Solidarity." The stamp had a face value of 10Fr., with a surtax of 50Fr., is printed in blue, and pictures a mother and child.

—L. Monosson

BRAZIL—Commemorative. A Cr. 120, green, was issued on May 15th commemorating the centenary of pacification after the revolution of 1842. The design represents the allegory of the



effort of the Duke of Caxias for the pacification. At the left of the stamp is a bust portrait of the duke in uniform, and to the right is shown a rising sun. 500,000 of these stamps were printed by lithographic offset process. Another new stamp, issued also on May 15, is the Cr. 1.00, blue, commemorating the



inauguration of a monument to the Baron of Rio Branco, featuring a photograph of the statue erected in Rio to the foreign minister. There are 500,000 of these stamps printed by typographic process.

—Dr. Mario de Sanctis
CHINA—Provisional Postage. Many provisional postage overprints are coming in for the various provinces.

Eastern Szechuan - 20c on 21c olive brown (#328A), red surcharge; 50c on 16c dull olive brown (#401), red and black surcharges.

Kansu-20c on 13c deep yellow green (#325), red surcharge; 20c on 21c olive brown (#341A), red surcharge.

Kwantung - 40c on 50c dark blue (#364), red surcharge; 50c on 16c dull olive brown (#401), red surcharge.

Kwangsi - 50c on 16c dull olive brown (#401), red surcharge.

Kweichow - 20c on 13c deep yellow green (#325), red surcharge; 20c on 16c olive gray (#302A), red surcharge; 20c on 17c brown olive (#340), red surcharge; 20c on 21c olive brown (#328A), red surcharge; 20c on 28c olive (#342A), red surcharge.

—Dr. Lloyd S. Ruland

ECUADOR—Overprints. Two emergency surcharges were issued. The 50c Golden Gate air mail was made into a 30c postage value. The 50c New World's Fair airmail also was

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The front of the card bears wording which indicates it is for the use of the armed forces and mails free by them. Space on the front provides room for name and rank of the soldier, with space for a brief message and space for address. The inscription at top of the front is "Cartolina Postale—Per Le Forze Armate."

NO FIRST DAY ON NEW 6c AIR ENVELOPE

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must be understood by all collectors that first day of issue is recorded by the earliest known cancellation date on any cover. Should it happen that copies of

converted to a 30c. postage stamp by means of the surcharge

—N. Y. Sun
EGYPT—A 10M., purple, memorial stamp marking the tenth anniversary of the death of King Fouad - one of the greatest stamp collectors of the world. The stamps bear the inscription "28 Avril 1944" in the lower left and right, in English and Arabic, with other inscriptions at the sides and top also in both languages.

—Colonial Stamp Co.
FRENCH INDIA—Overprints. The addition of ten new stamps with the "France Libre" and Cross of Lorraine overprints have raised the total number of stamps in this set to 49. It is understood that following ten values were surcharged to make the Rupee values more usable. The new denominations are given as: 1ca. on 1R.; 6ca. on 2R.; 10ca. on 2R.; 10 ca. on 5R.; 12ca. on 2R.; 15ca. on 3R.; 16ca. on 3R.; 1fa.3ca. on 3R.; 1fa.6ca. on 5R.; and 1fa.12ca. on 5R. An entirely new pictorial series is anticipated.

—L. Monosson
FRENCH MOROCCO—Postage. Three additions to the small postage series have been noted, notably the 10c., red-violet; 1Fr.20, purple, and 1Fr.50, brick-red.

—Coronet Stamp Co.
TUNISIA—It is reported that five new stamps have appeared without the initials "R.F." The 1Fr.50 is also in a new color - specifically chocolate (A 12); while the 4Fr.50 is now in a blue and light blue. The other three values are: 2Fr.40, red and rose-lilac; 4Fr.50, green and olive-brown, and 10Fr., red-violet and violet-blue. The last four mentioned are of Scott's type A13.

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Another Mail Robbery Cover Being Noted

The June 1 issue of this paper contained a paragraph about a cover that had been in a mail robbery in Buffalo, N. Y. and now we have from Arthur E. Mansbach of Los Angeles another cover that was in a Mail Robbery in that City in 1925.

This cover was addressed to Berlin, Germany, bears a 5c Roosevelt stamp of that period and across the face of the envelope over the address is a piece of brown kraft paper on which is printed, "This was rifled in robbery at / Los Angeles, California, October 8, 1925." The cover although addressed to Germany was most probably returned to the sender whose address is on the back flap of the envelope.

Such covers are rare and should fit into a collection along with plane crash covers and such items.

CREST ON BELGIAN FLAG

Mr. H. H. Gudenschwager of Isabel, South Dakota submits a copy of the Belgium flag stamp which is quite interesting. The stamp is from the right edge of a sheet with margin attached.

In the upper left corner of the black bar of the flag is an oval shaped white spot and in the center of that spot a black spot which might be likened unto a crest or emblem of some sort. This is of course a defect in the printing, but is so pronounced and so clear that it is worthy of mention. The variety is caused by some small particle dropping on the printing plate in the process of printing.

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Women Of America Again Being Duped By False Stamp Racket

Just about every so often in the past few years of this War, some slick individuals who have sensed the opportunity to gather accumulations of cheap stamps for mixtures and other uses have preyed upon the kind nature of the various Women's organizations of this country with a racket that is both misleading and false, in their efforts to find a way to have these women gather quantities of stamps and supply them for sale by dealers, for disregarding all claims made to the ladies, the stamps are only gathered for sale to collectors in mixtures and otherwise.

The first such racket was based on the claim that the stamps were being gathered so that they could be soaked and squeezed to recover the dye from the colors in the stamps. It was told the ladies that dye was scarce and that the stamps would supply quantities of this valued product.

This story was false and was proven so by statements of eminent authorities. The amount of dye that could be obtained in this manner being so little that it would cost a huge amount to recover it and the whole racket was impossible of any result in obtaining dyes.

The next racket of the same nature was the story that the stamps were being used to pulp, to make a special type of cast for using on the wounded soldiers. This

Jinja Bridge At The Top of The Nile

By R. C. BINGHAM in the STRAIGHT-EDGE



Photo by James B. Glaze

Pictured on Kenya and Uganda A9, A16.

KENYA was not even a name, and Uganda little more, when this century began. The latter, it is true, had been made known by explorers penetrating from the East Coast and from Egypt, tearing the veil from that mysterious land of inland seas and mountains, long considered mythical. As for what we now call Kenya, the greater part was over-run by dread nomad warriors of the fierce Masai tribe. The Imperial British East Africa Company in whom occupation was then vested had established a few trading posts but these were little more than forts along precarious caravan routes to the interior.

Following on the heels of the explorers came pioneer missionaries, suppression of the Arab slave trade, advancing settlement of the frontiers—and the railways. Starting at Mombasa in 1896 the Kenya & Uganda Railways System by 1901 had laid its rails to the east shore of Lake Victoria, 587 road miles inland from the Indian Ocean—now the system comprises more than 1600 road miles of main and branch lines in the two colonies.

In 1862, Speke, an English explorer, solved a mystery of ages—the source of the Nile—where the waters of Victoria Nyanza force

an exit through the rocky northern coast of the lake, tumbling over Ripon Falls, as shown in the stamp picture, rolling onward for

4,000 miles to become "Mother Nile"—The Life of Egypt.

In 1931 the railway crossed the Nile at Jinja, in Uganda, just be-

low Ripon Falls, with the bridge in the stamp picture. The structure was designed by Rendell, Palmer & Tritton, consulting en-

gineers, London, Eng.; steel work fabricated by P. & W. MacLellan Ltd., Glasgow, Scotland; and construction carried out by railway forces. In order to prove accuracy of steel work the entire bridge was assembled in the Glasgow yards, afterwards dismantled and shipped to the colony in sections.

The structure is a two-hinged, spandril braced arch span, 260 ft. long with a 100 ft. steel girder approach span at each end. The upper deck carries a single railway track of one meter gauge, 69 ft. above the Nile; the lower, a 20 ft. paved highway and two side-walks, 35 ft. above high water level. Construction work was started in February 1929, completed in January 1931 and the first mail and passenger train crossed the bridge on January 15, 1931.

Completion of the bridge project, which cost about \$400,000, enabled the railway to extend its lines southward along the west shore of Victoria Nyanza and westward into Uganda, reaching out to connect with the railways of the Belgian Congo. It may be, by now that Jinja Bridge is a closely guarded link in a trans-continental African railway hook-up between the Indian and Atlantic Oceans.



BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
Baltimore, Ohio

CLASSICS

The Battle Creek type second of two very similar types used by that city in the early days has a very interesting history. It first can be found on the 1c and 3c of the 1902 issue and the 2c 1903 then on a few stamps of each issue to the 3c Offset of 1918 when it apparently was retired in favor of the U-5 plate which must have been in use at the same time during the last few years of its first era.

Among the first of the double line types it can readily be told from its older predecessor in the

BATTLE
CREEK,
MICH.

middle stroke of the "E". In this plate, which is listed in the catalog as type 2, the middle E stroke is short, in the older style the middle stroke is full length. The older type 1 has the rarer items. Neither type will be listed in the Double line catalog because they do not come under the Universal Styles. Many Double line collectors include these and several other electro double line types in their collections, which of course is all up to the collectors fancy. After the cessation of usage of the double line type in 1918 the U-5 plate was used exclusively till well into the 30's when the appearance of certain compound items of the 1926 issue caused a quite stir among precancel collectors. A little investigation revealed that changing of postmasters at Battle Creek had caused the transferring of the printing contract to another firm. The firm that had been printing the U-5 precancels evidently had been keeping the plate at its plant and when it lost the printing contract just refused to give up the plate.

A search of the Post Office did turn up the old time double line plate which was in very good shape and which was turned over to the new printers. I would place the time of appearance around 1934 or '35 because there were still some Bi-Centennials around. At first only the 8c was found but subsequently four other values turned up the 1/2c, 5c, 6c and 7c, I think there are several varieties known and not listed in the catalog besides the Presidential.

One thing I would like to point out is that the Printing firm was not supposed to have in its keeping the U-5 plate. The Officials were lax in letting them do so or were ignorant of the facts about the case. All plates are government property and the procedure in precancelling by a local printer is simply to send the stamps and the plate to the printer with some reliable employee and for him to stay there

till the printing is finished.

It is interesting to note that the Part 2 catalog in a foot note says that "it is not likely that this plate will be revived again". But it was. Because as I have already mentioned there exists Presidential and I have seen the 1c Defense in this type so its use must date up until a year or two ago. I believe that shortly after this first printing from the revived plate that the printers who held the U-5 plate did get one contract to make one printing of precancels. This I believe is what led the catalog makers in issuing that statement in their footnote.

I have often wondered if actually a printing of the U-5 ever occurred or whether it was not just a cleaning up of all items that either occurred in the office of the permit holders or in the Postoffice itself. The manufacturers of the plate could well be proud of their work, for forty years service of such a supposedly unsubstantial contrivance is quite a record.

The precancels produced are among the most attractive we have had and any collector should be proud of his page of Battle Creek type 2.

DETROIT
MICH.

There is not much of a story behind the Detroit type. Its known as type 1 and was used from the 1c 1898 to the 1c rotary 1919 when it apparently was retired. Like the Battle Creek plate it must have been used concurrently with type 3 which is a U-1 plate as there are U-1 items dating back to the 1908 issue. Some time during the scramble for the new Battle Creek items that were appearing I remember of having some one show me an 8c in the old type 1 Detroit. Fortunately only the one value was ever printed. (8c 1926). If the Michigan specialists ever found out why this plate was revived I have never heard the reason. Bureau Prints were in use at Detroit at the time and should have been on hand in quantities sufficient to meet all demands. It could have been quite possible though that the shipment from Washington was late and that some mailer needed this value or perhaps demanded a single stamp to facilitate his mailing and would not take a combination of two stamps.

The U-1 plate must have been returned to Washington or destroyed and this old plate just happened to be there. Shortly after the appearance of this lone item precancels began appearing in type 9 which is a U-8 type. No other items have appeared in this old type. The 8c item is not rare and catalogs but 28c. A fine copy would not sell for much over half that figure. Of course I realize I stick out my neck every time I mention a price but I know a lot of collectors want me to do so, so there is my personal opinion on that stamp. Maybe you bought yours much cheaper or some dealer offered you only at a higher figure, both may be right I don't know.

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I had quite a gabfest this past weekend with Althea Harvey, the well known meter columnist whose column appears regularly in philatelic journals, and she told me that although she doesn't specialize in patriotic, she has in her general collection of slogan meters, between five and six hundred patriotic. In a good representative collection of material of this war, it would be well to have at least a small section of these meters either in the cut strip form or on entire patriotic covers. This latter form is difficult to obtain unless arrangements can be made with someone employed by a concern who uses a mailometer equipped with a patriotic slogan slug, but the cut strips can be found in almost any active wastebasket. If you are interested in this feature of patriotic collecting, drop a line to Althea Harvey, 4 Park Ave., Windsor Conn., and don't forget your manners, use a patriotic and enclose return postage. Go to it, folks.

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When these stamps were first issued, quantities of both stamps were shipped without requisition to small postoffices all over the country. That took an immense number of stamps and depleted the reserve stock. Further shipment of later issues was not made in the same manner but only on requisition and since these small offices were loaded with the first two stamps which did not sell readily, these offices did not requisition the other stamps as issued, except only in those offices where stamp collector patrons made requests and asked for the stamps.

I learned these facts two weeks ago when I made a brief trip to several small offices in this vicinity and that is the story that was told me with regard to these stamps. Only one small office that I visited ever had any other than the Poland and Czechoslovak stamp in stock. Some of these offices still had a substantial stock of some of both of these stamps, that is a substantial stock for a small office.

In one office in a town of about 12,000 people I found about 65 sheets of Poland and Czechoslovak stamps, mostly the former. In other offices from parts of sheets to full sheets and up to about a dozen sheets in one other office.

This then is the chief reason that these two stamps were sold out so quickly at Washington, the original stock was cut down at the start.

The fact that these two stamps have been cleaned out at Washington will be an added incentive for more orders for later issues and will help in cleaning them out more rapidly than they would have otherwise been bought. Then too as we get to the last four or five stamps in the issue, the original supply was five million less than for the first several stamps and that too is going to help clean up those issues.

We have often wondered why the issue was cut from 20 to 15 million stamps and the answer is probably given above, in that first supplies of the two stamps were sent out broadcast without requisition. Demand did not come for other issues so the Department probably cut the quantity since it became evident that 15 million would provide a plenty and sufficient for future Agency sales.

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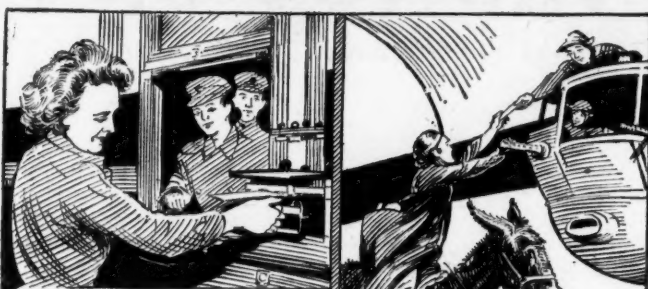
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A. P. S. Broadcasts New Stamp Description Chart

A new departure in the method of describing stamps was made by the American Philatelic Society when it adopted report of its committee on Code of Descriptive Terms in 1942. Now the Society is taking steps actively to bring the chart to the attention of American philatelists in general. Copies of the chart are going forward to all dealers and will be mailed to each member of the Society July 1st.

The Stamp Description Chart aims to establish a definite and accurate code by which the condition of stamps may be described. Obviously no such chart can cover every possible situation; however, it can standardize descriptions and simplify them. It can eliminate useless and meaningless words and particularly descriptive adjectives such as "fine," "nice," "good," "superb," and the like, which may mean one thing to collector Smith and something else to collector Jones.

On the chart now being distributed by the A.P.S. the condition of stamps is arbitrarily grouped under five headings, namely, "Unused," "Used," "Centering," "Stamp Defects," and "Stamp Defects Continued." The latter classification was reported in order to avoid having more than seven numerical headings under any one classification. The classifications are lettered from A to E and sub-headings under them may run from No. 1 to No. 7. In describing the condition of a stamp, it is rated by the use of letters and numbers. Thus a used stamp with a heavy cancellation and slightly off center would be rated as B5 C2. All one has to do to translate such classification is to refer to the chart. Before long by habitual use one will easily become familiar with all classifications and know at a glance the description conveyed by the system.

The committee which worked out was composed of distinguished this new method of measurement philatelists who were educators and persons experienced in making and administering standard tests. Chairman of the committee was Earl B. Forney of St. Paul, a graduate of Coe College, and author of "Test in Map Reading Abilities." Other members of the committee were Prof. Leon Arnal, University of Minnesota, a graduate from the University of Paris, and who succeeded Gerald Burgess as instructor of the extension course in stamp collecting; Sydney A. Patchin, Superintendent of Schools at Hibbing, Minnesota, with a master's degree from the University of Minnesota, trained in administering standardized tests; and J. W. Richardson, Minneapolis dealer, with a master's degree from the University of Iowa and much experienced in standardized testing.

In sending the Stamp Description Chart to the dealers of the United States, President Donald F. Lybarger of the A. P. S. asked that the chart be studied and used with an open mind and that those having suggestions or comments communicate with Mr. Forney at 1932 Princeton avenue, St. Paul, 1, Minn. The Society

anticipates having a discussion of the merits of the chart at its coming Milwaukee convention August 16-20. Realizing that any innovation will not be fully accepted at the start, the A. P. S. considers the new chart as the first step toward a simplified and accurate system of stamp description.

RELIGION ON STAMPS

by David E. Hoffberg, Secty. Collectors of Religion on Stamps Society, 2014 Avenue Y, Brooklyn 29, N. Y.

Brahmanism

What is Brahmanism? Is it an individual, its source is not in a man, but a caste. It is not a religion of a Confucius, a Zoroaster, a Mohammed, but the religion of the Brahmins. It is difficult to understand because it is full of contradictions, complications, and so changeable that it cannot be understood.

India has always been a land of mystery, a land of great wealth, and strange wisdom. Like China it is the most populous nation of the world. It has been overrun by the armies of Semiramis, Darius, Alexander, Mahmud; by Lord Clive and the Duke of Wellington. These conquerors have overrun and plundered India, but still left it as unintelligible, unchangeable, and a marvellous country as before.



It is a land of the most ancient Pagan religions of the world; the land of grotto temples; of its sacred Ganges; idols of Juggernaut, and with its bloody worship.

Can it be one or more of the twelve tribes of the Hebrews; Manasseh, Gad, and Reuben were three of the tribes that settled east of the Jordan. Its conception dates back to about the time of King Solomon, who as a legend says, sent men to find a place where they could get a supply of spices, and finally landed on a group of Islands, now known as the Solomon Islands.

The Hindus have sacred books of great antiquity, and literature dating back twenty or thirty centuries, yet no history or chronology. The Hindus are spiritual-

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Translated hymns of Vedas run as follows:

"In the beginning there arose the Source of golden light. He was the only born Lord of all that is. He established the earth, and this sky. Who is the God to whom we shall offer our sacrifice?"

He who gives life. He who gives strength; whose blessing all the bright gods desire;" there are numerous others but these are exemplified to compare with our own Genesis. "In the beginning God created the Heaven and Earth" etc. The best stamp that would apply to Brahmanism is A3 of the Norwanugur as it represents the sacred cows and the Heaven the Scotts call it the Seal of the State.

Splendid Idea For Other Stamp Clubs

The Admiral Byrd Stamp and Coin Club, of Reading, Pa., with a membership of 47 has six of its members in the armed forces overseas. At one time eight of the club Members were in the service but two of these have been given an honorable discharge through physical disabilities. However, six still remain and the fact was brought out at the last meeting held by the Club that these six members were unable to keep up with the stamps that the United States issues while they are away. Now, at the meeting it was decided that the club buy a block of four of all the new issues up to and including any ten cent values and on the return of these members the club will present each member with these blocks of stamps. Any issue valued above ten cents the club will buy a single copy for each member now overseas. The Club meets weekly on each Tuesday night, in the Central YMCA hall, Reading, Pa., and visitors are always welcome.

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